

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION P.O. BOX 304260 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130-4260

**November 24, 2009** 

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**Commissioner Lucy Baxley** 

Commissioner Jan Cook

Commissioner Susan D. Parker

THRU:

Judy McLean, Director Jmc

**Advisory Division** 

FROM:

Aquilla Spivey, Manager F Consumer Services

**SUBJECT:** 

**Monthly Commission Meeting** 

The following items will be presented to the Commission during the regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday December 1, 2009:

> Monthly Activity Report of complaints, inquiries, meetings and field investigations.

### **Alabama Public Service Commission**

Report Date: 11/24/2009

## Consumer Service Section Monthly Activity Report

### Between 11/1/2009 And 11/30/2009

	Needs Service	High Bills	Deposit	Service Problems	Payment Arrangemen	Denied Toll	Slamming	Cramming	Billing Problems	Non-Pay Disconnect	900/Pay Per Call	No Jurisdiction	Other	Inquiries	Total
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Alagasco														2	2
Ardmore															
AT & T Southeast	1			27				1	7			3	1	11	50
Castleberry									,						
CenturyTel				2					3						5
Deltacom															
Farmers															
Florala															
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Field Investigations - 1

Meetings Held/Attended - 1



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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**President Lucy Baxley** 

Commissioner Jan Cook

Commissioner Susan D. Parker

FROM:

Janice M. Hamilton, Director

**Energy Division** 

**SUBJECT:** 

Agenda - December 1, 2009 Commission Meeting

The Energy Division will present the following items at the December 1, 2009 Commission Meeting.

### **NATURAL GAS**

### **ALABAMA GAS CORPORATION**

**Docket** 

18046

Division Report on Rate RSE as of October 31, 2009

and

18328

### **MOBILE GAS SERVICE CORPORATION**

Docket

28101

Division Report on Rate RSE as of October 31, 2009

Docket

28101

In Re: Approval of Revisions to the Tariff to Extend Rate RSE for Mobile

Gas Service Corporation

Recommendation: Approval

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### **ELECTRICITY**

### **ALABAMA POWER COMPANY**

**Docket** 18148; Division Report on Rate RSE and Rate ECR as of October 31, 2009

18117 and 18416

**Docket** 18148 Modification of Rate ECR (Energy Cost Recovery) Factor

Recommendation: To modify the interim Energy Cost Recovery Factor to 27.31 mills per

Kilowatt-hour for billing months of January 2010 through December 2011, with an additional reduction in the Energy Cost Recovery Factor of 3.28 mills per Kilowatt-hour for the billing months of January 2010 through December 2010

### **SUMMARY OF OTHER ENERGY FILING (S)**

### **ALABAMA POWER COMPANY**

**Docket** D-6520 Petition Seeking Approval of an Agreement Incorporating a Scheduled Energy

Credit (SEC) Pilot into the Contract for Electric Power, effective as of August 9, 1993 under Informal Docket U-3470, with Linde, Inc. (formerly BOC Gases)

Status: Pursuant to Rate FCR, this Amendment becomes effective

November 30, 2009

**Docket** D-6521 Petition Seeking Approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Contract for Electric

Power, dated as of February 8, 1995 under Informal Docket U-3596, with

Simcala, Incorporated

Status: Pursuant to Rate FCR, this Amendment becomes effective

November 30, 2009

**Docket** D-6522 Petition Seeking Approval of a New Contract for Electric Service with Olin

Corporation

**Status:** Pursuant to Rate FCR, this Amendment becomes effective

November 30, 2009

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### **WATER**

### EAST LOWNDES WATER ASSOCIATION

**Docket** U-4947 Petition Seeking Approval to Increase Rates to All of Its Type One Customers

in Alabama, effective December 1, 2009

Recommendation: Approval

### **WASTEWATER**

### **BIO-FLOW, INC.**

**Docket** 31182 Petition to Amend Letter of Credit to Change Beneficiary from the Alabama

Department of Public Health to the Alabama Public Service Commission

Recommendation: Approval

### UTILITY MANAGEMENT, LLC

**Docket** 31187 Petition Seeking Approval of the First Modification to Certificate of Financial

Viability No. 31187

Recommendation: Approval

**Docket** U-4931 Request to Withdraw Previously Filed Tariff until Management Entity Rules

are Final

Recommendation: Approval





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### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

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Commissioner Susan D. Parker

Through:

Janice M. Hamilton, Director

**Energy Division** 

From:

Robert E. Reed, Manager

Natural Gas Section

Subject:

Division Report on Rate RSE for Alabama Gas Corporation as of October 31, 2009

As part of the Division's monitoring function, the staff has developed the return on average common equity for Alabama Gas Corporation for the twelve months ending October 31, 2009.

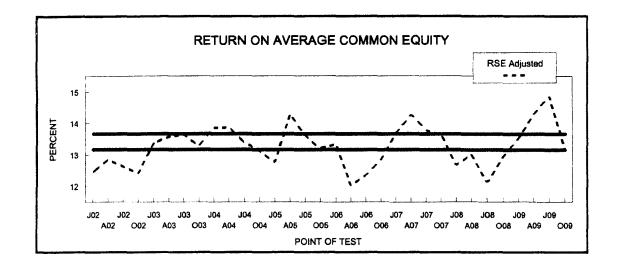
Based on preliminary figures, the return on average common equity for financial reporting purposes for the twelve months ending October 31, 2009, is 13.1 percent. When club dues, donations, and lobbying expenses are added, the RSE return is 13.2 percent.

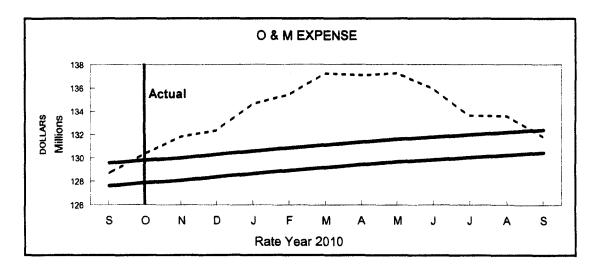
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	Financial	HOE
Average Common Equity	\$323,609,721	
Net Income	\$42,467,331	** <b>**** *** *** *** *** *</b>
Net Expense Adjustment		Strant
RSE Net Income		-: \$40,754,020
RSE Return on Common Equity	13.12%	13.27%

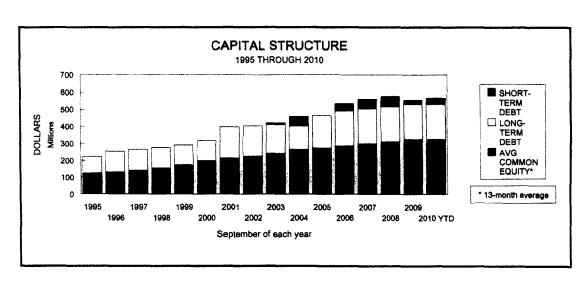
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## **ALABAMA GAS CORPORATION**

October 2009









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From:

Robert E. Reed, Manager

Natural Gas Section

Subject:

Division Report on Rate RSE for Mobile Gas Service Corporation as of October 31,

2009

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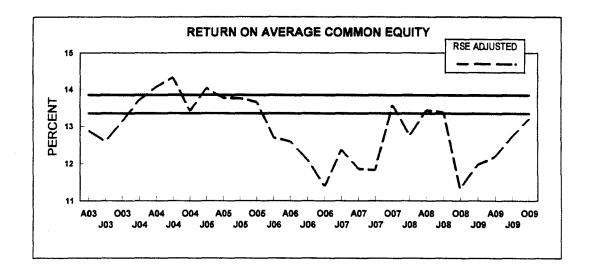
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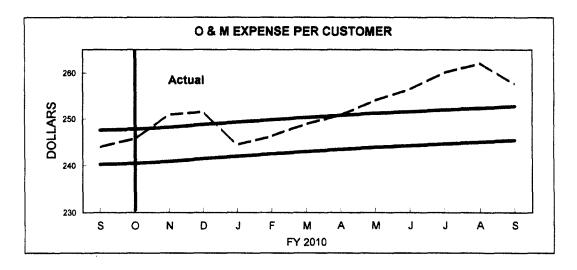
Return on Equity at October 2009							
	Financial	RSE					
Average Common Equity	\$64,443,997	\$64,443,997					
Net Income	\$8,361,983	\$8,361,983					
Net Expense Adjustment		\$145,724					
RSE Net Income		\$8,507,707					
RSE Return on Common Equity	12.98%	13.20%					

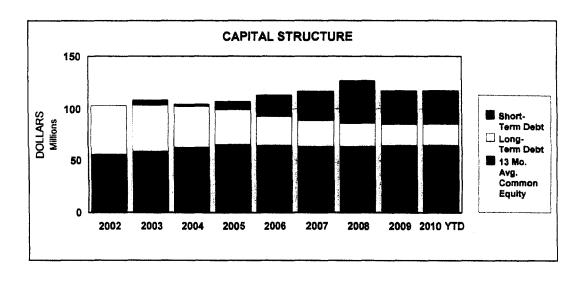
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### **MOBILE GAS SERVICE CORPORATION**

October 2009









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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

President Lucy Baxley

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Commissioner Susan D. Parker

THROUGH:

Janice M. Hamilton, Director

**Energy Division** 

FROM:

Bernard W. Givan, Manager

**Electricity Section** 

SUBJECT:

Division Report on Rate RSE and Rate ECR for Alabama Power Company as of

October 31, 2009

The Energy Division performed the regular monthly examination of the books and records of Alabama Power Company. The financial highlights are presented in the tables below:

Rate RSE Forecast
12 Months Ending
<b>DECEMBER 31, 2009</b>
13.10%

Rate ECR Summary						
Recovery for Balance as of						
OCTOBER 2009	OCTOBER 31, 2009					
\$61,913,104	\$116,684,595					
Over-Recovered	Over-Recovered					

The attached report, prepared for review by the Commission, presents the Energy Division's computations and determinations of the December 2009 Retail Return on Average Common Equity. In addition, the current and projected status pertaining to the accumulated Over and Under Recovery for Rate ECR is presented.

### **ENERGY DIVISION**

# Alabama Power Company Forecast of Retail Return on Average Common Equity For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2009

Common Equity as of October 31, 2009		\$5,175,396,490
Add Budgeted Net Income: November through December 2009	\$36,293,000	
Add Budgeted Capital Contributions: November through December 2009	\$6,647,000	
Add Other Adjustments: November through December 2009	\$211,000	\$43,151,000
Deduct Budgeted Stock Dividends: November through December 2009	\$0	\$0
Projected Common Equity as of December 31, 2009		\$5,218,547,490
Projected Average Common Equity For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2009		\$5,005,744,103
Projected Retail Investment Separation Factor		88.70%
Projected Average Retail Common Equity For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2009		\$4,440,095,020
Projected Retail Net Income For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2009		\$581,536,963
Projected Retail Return On Average Common Equity For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2009		13.10%

The Common Equity as of October 31, 2009 (Actual) was adjusted using net income, payment of Common Stock and Preferred Stock dividends, Capital Contributions, and Other Adjustments from the Company's 2009 budget. The average common equity is a 12-month average using actual and budgeted data. The average retail common equity (RCE) was calculated using an estimated retail separation factor of 88.70%. The retail net income (RNI) for average common equity was calculated by using actual data for the ten months ended October 31, 2009, and then adding two months of budget data for November through December 2009. The Other Adjustments added to projected common equity is the result of the Company adopting FASB Statement 123 (R), which requires the reporting of stock option expenses.

The Forecast is subject to change due to uncertainties associated with weather, customer usage patterns, and economic conditions across the state.

### **ENERGY DIVISION**

# Alabama Power Company Forecast of Energy Cost Recovery For the Period Ending December 31, 2009

		gy Cost IWH)	ECR Seasonal	Over/(Under) Recovery			
	Month	12 Months	Factor	Month	Cumulative		
		Ended	(\$/MWH)	(\$)	(\$)		
JAN 08 Act	28.46	27.63	29.472	(188,721)	(280,053,856)		
FEB 08 Act	25.27	27.56	29.472	23,607,986	(256,445,869)		
MAR 08 Act	20.74	27.41	29.472	34,208,587	(222,237,282)		
APR 08 Act	22.45	27.02	29.472	29,229,360	(193,007,922)		
MAY 08 Act	24.11	26.79	29.472	12,325,990	(180,681,932)		
JUN 08 Act	36.34	27.59	33.418	(24,664,734)	(205,346,666)		
JUL 08 Act	37.78	28.72	33.418	(33,878,517)	(239,225,183)		
AUG 08 Act	37.80	28.92	33.418	(18,318,995)	(257,544,178)		
SEP 08 Act	43.80	30.51	33.418	(43,112,535)	(300,656,713)		
OCT 08 Act	37.79	31.10	37.866	(6,656,296)	(307,313,009)		
NOV 08 Act	41.92	32.16	37.866	(21,274,681)	(328,587,690)		
DEC 08 Act	33.40	32.80	37.866	22,954,887	(305,632,803)		
JAN 09 Act	32.14	33.13	37.866	17,588,864	(288,043,939)		
FEB 09 Act	29.23	33.48	37.866	46,249,431	(241,794,508)		
MAR 09 Act	23.72	33.80	37.866	52,791,864	(189,002,644)		
APR 09 Act	27.98	34.27	37.866	30,703,964	(158,298,681)		
MAY 09 Act	25.20	34.42	37.866	36,175,778	(122,122,904)		
JUN 09 Act	34.09	34.19	40.242	20,010,617	(102,112,288)		
JUL 09 Act	29.26	33.32	40.242	50,306,061	(51,806,227)		
AUG 09 Act	31.82	32.72	40.242	40,669,269	(11,136,958)		
SEP 09 Act	26.39	31.10	40.242	65,908,449	54,771,491		
OCT 09 Act	21.26	29.80	35.490	61913,104	· 1116:68475 <b>95</b> · **		
NOV 09 Bud	36.57	29.42	35.490	(5,934,080)	110,750,515		
DEC 09 Bud	37.67	29.86	35.490	(15,705,490)	95,045,025		

The estimates used in the above table are subject to change due to uncertainties associated with weather, customer usage patterns, and economic conditions across the state.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

November 19, 2009

TO:

Commissioner Lucy Baxley

Commissioner Jan Cook

Commissioner Susan D. Parker

FROM:

Darrell A.Baker

Telecommunications Division

SUBJ ECT:

Agenda for December 1, 2009 Commission Meeting.

The following items will be presented to the Commission during the regular December 1, 2009 Commission Meeting.

### **INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT (S)**

Docket U-4944

ALL AMERICAN TELECOM, INC. and BELLSOUTH

<u>TELECOMMUNICATIONS</u>, <u>INC.</u> <u>d/b/a AT&T ALABAMA or AT&T</u> <u>SOUTHEAST</u> -- Approval of the Interconnection Agreement negotiated by

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alabama and All American Telecom, Inc. pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the

Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Recommend Approval.

Docket U-4948

321 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. and BELLSOUTH

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a AT&T ALABAMA or AT&T SOUTHEAST -- Approval of the Interconnection Agreement negotiated by

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alabama and 321 Communications, Inc. pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the

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Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Recommend Approval.

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### **CANCELLATION/WITHDRAWAL (S)**

Docket 22775 <u>TRANSWORLD NETWORK, CORP.</u> -- Cancels Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and withdraws Tariff.

Recommend Approval.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Docket 30934

ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES -- Registration of Third-Party Providers for Telecommunications Billings. Third-Party Providers and Billing Aggregators request approval of their registration with the Commission for purposes of including their charges on the consumer bills of regulated telecommunications carriers.

Recommend Approval.

### **SUMMARY OF OTHER FILING (S)**

- D-6518 BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a AT&T
  ALABAMA or AT&T SOUTHEAST -- Removes language pertaining to
  Employee Concession Plan Residence Service for Company Employees.
  Filed November 12, 2009, with a requested effective date of December 11, 2009.
- D-6516 <u>SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. d/b/a SPRINT</u> -- Adds Toll Free 8YY Transit Traffic Service. Also reduces the Toll Free Database Access Service Basic Query charge, and makes minor text changes. Filed October 26, 2009, with a requested effective date of November 1, 2009.
- D-6517 <u>ACN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.</u> -- Introduces new Optional Calling Features for the Basic Services Tariff. Filed October 28, 2009, with a requested effective date of November 19, 2009.
- D-6519 <u>BLC MANAGEMENT, LLC d/b/a ANGLES COMMUNICATIONS</u>
  <u>SOLUTIONS</u> -- Increases the non-recurring fee to implement service from \$20 to \$60. Filed October 26, 2009, with a requested effective date of November 25, 2009.



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DATE:

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TO:

Commission President Lucy Baxley

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Commissioner Susan D. Parker

**Division Directors** 

FROM:

Legal Division

SUBJ ECT:

Meeting:

Agenda - December 1, 2009 Commission Meeting

The Legal Division will present the following at the December 1, 2009 Commission

**DOCKET 30975** 

(M) - Petition of John Christopher Phillips, d/b/a Chris Phillips Trucking for cancellation of Motor Carrier Certificate F4126.

**Recommend:** Grant cancellation as requested.

**DOCKET 27553** 

(G) - Petition of Bellerud Communications, LLC for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for purposes of providing Lifeline and Link-Up Service in the service territory of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Alabama.

Recommend: Approval

**DOCKET 29330** 

(G) - Petition of Affordable Phone Services, Inc. to expand its existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to authorize the provision of facilities-based local exchange service. The Company's existing certificate authorizes the provision of resold local exchange service in the State of Alabama.

Recommend: Grant

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### **DOCKET 28293**

(G) - Petition of Big River Telephone Company, LLC to expand its existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to authorize the provision of switched access and operator services. The Company's existing certificate authorizes the provision of telephone toll resale service in the State of Alabama.

### **Recommend:** Grant

### **DOCKET 29180**

(G) - Petition of Cincinnati Bell Any Distance, Inc. to expand its existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to authorize the provision of resold local exchange service. The Company's existing Certificate authorizes the provision of telephone toll resale service in the State of Alabama.

### **Recommend:** Grant

### **DOCKET 29620;**

26144

(G) - Petition of CIMCO Communications, Inc. ("CIMCO") and Comcast Phone of Alabama, LLC ("Comcast") for approval of the transfer of CIMCO's assets and customer accounts to Comcast.

### Recommend: Approval

### **DOCKET 25770**

(G) - Petition of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeod") for approval of the conversion of McLeod from a corporation to an LLC operating as McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC, d/b/a PAETEC Business Services.

### **Recommend:** Approval

### **DOCKET 26718**

(G) - Petition of US LEC of Alabama, Inc. ("US LEC") for approval of the conversion from a corporation to an LLC operating as US LEC of Alabama, LLC, d/b/a PAETEC Business Services.

**Recommend:** Approval

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### **DOCKET 31164**

(G) - Several of the existing Wastewater Management Entities who were issued Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity in the August 31, 2009, Order entered in this cause have not made the compliance filings necessary to conduct operations under their Certificates as issued by the Commission.

**Recommend:** Issuance of Order(s) revoking the Certificates previously issued to the following Wastewater Management Entities. The Docket Numbers under which their Certificates were issued: Alabama Wastewater Systems, Inc./Docket 31181; Honeycomb Wastewater Management, LLC/Docket 31184; Integra Watersound, LLC/Docket 31185.

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TO:

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**Division Directors** 

FROM:

Meeting:

Legal Division

SUBJ ECT:

Supplemental Agenda (1) - December 1, 2009 Commission Meeting

The Legal Division will present the following at the December 1, 2009 Commission

**DOCKET 28160** 

(M) - Petition of J. Gaddy Trucking to suspend operations under Motor

Carrier Certificate F2438 for a period of one-year.

**Recommend:** Grant one-year suspension

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### **DOCKET 31045**

Docket 31045 (M) - Consideration of §§532 and 1307 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Comments were received and reviewed by staff.

**Recommend:** That the Commission not adopt the standards set forth in §§ 532 and 1307. The staff has reviewed prior Commission action with regard to these proposed standards and the comments filed in this Docket, and has determined that with regard to the proposed standards Integrated Resource Planning concerning and Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficacy Investments, Commission adoption of the RSE mechanism over 25 years ago achieves the general goals set forth in these standards. The staff has determined that with regard to the standards concerning Smart Grid Investments and Customer Access to Smart Grid Information it would be premature to adopt these standards at this time due to uncertainties and unresolved issues surrounding smart grid technologies. Because it was not clear in the original Order establishing this Docket and the Order requesting comments that the Commission was also considering the proposed standards in §532 for natural gas utilities it is further recommended that the Commission leave this Docket open for comments on the §532 natural gas standards for an additional 45 days.

### **DOCKET 31092**

(M) - APSC v. Benchmark Communications, LLC, d/b/a ComOne, et. al. Show cause proceeding against carriers that failed to file interconnection or resale agreements. Reliant Communications, Inc., d/b/a HJN Telecom, Inc. voluntarily relinquished its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide Competitive Local Exchange Service pursuant to Order dated November 3, 2009 in Docket 26563.

**Recommend:** Dismissal from this proceeding.